

15032. Misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. v. 400 Sacks of Cottonseed Meal. Decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. No. 21643. I. S. No. 15421-x. S. No. C-5324.)

On February 14, 1927, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 400 sacks of cottonseed meal, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Zona, La., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Betta Seed Mill, Inc., Jackson, Miss., on or about February 9, 1927, and transported from the State of Mississippi into the State of Louisiana, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "Choice Cotton Seed Meal Manufactured By The Buckeye Cotton Oil Company Jackson, Mississippi. Guaranteed Analysis: * * * Crude Protein, not less than 41.12 Per Cent."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded, in that the statement borne on the label regarding the said article, "Crude Protein, not less than 41.12 Per Cent," was false and misleading and deceived and misled the purchaser.

On February 24, 1927, the Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., Jackson, Miss., having appeared as claimant for the property, and having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation was entered and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$680, conditioned in part that it be relabeled to conform with the Government analysis.

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15033. Adulteration of oranges. U. S. v. 396 Boxes and 396 Boxes of Oranges. Consent decrees of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. Nos. 21751, 21752. I. S. Nos. 16516-x, 16517-x. S. Nos. E-6003, E-6004.)

On March 2 and 4, 1927, respectively, the United States attorney for the District of Connecticut, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying seizure and condemnation of 792 boxes of oranges, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Hartford, Conn., alleging that the article had been shipped by S. J. Sligh & Co., Orlando, Fla., on or about February 22, 1927, and transported from the State of Florida into the State of Connecticut, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "Elk * * * Fancy Florida Oranges S. J. Sligh & Co. Orlando, Florida."

Examination of the article by this department showed that it consisted in whole or in part of frost-damaged fruit.

It was alleged in the libels that the article was adulterated, in that it consisted of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On March 11, 1927, S. J. Sligh & Co., Orlando, Fla., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libels, and having consented to the entry of decrees, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon payment of costs of the proceedings and the execution of bonds totaling \$3,000, conditioned in part that it be salvaged under the supervision of this department.

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15034. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. v. T. Eugene Travers (Planters Packing Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$5 and costs. (F. & D. No. 21576. I. S. No. 7779-x.)

On March 30, 1927, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against T. Eugene Travers, trading as Planters Packing Co., Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the food and drugs act, on or about October 26, 1926, from the State of Maryland into the State of Ohio, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated. The article was labeled in part: "Stag Brand Oysters Packed By Planters Packing Co., Baltimore, Md."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for oysters, which the said article purported to be,